FW: Letter for the July 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting -Medical Marijuana

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For your review. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:40 PM

To: Board of Supervisors <Boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>

Subject: Letter for the July 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Good Afternoon Blake,

This is my second try, I hope I get it right. Thank you for sending this out to all the supervisors JOY

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County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors

Chair Lynn Compton, District 4 Supervisor Frank Mecham, District 1 Supervisor Bruce Gibson, District 2 Supervisor Adam Hill, District 3 Supervisor Debbie Arnold, District 5

Re: Cannabis Ordinance

Dear Chair Compton and Supervisor:

The San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau is concerned with maintaining the quality of the rural life in our county while providing opportunities for those who want to legally cultivate cannabis. Despite state marijuana laws enacted over the past twenty years, they do not change the fact that using marijuana continues to be an offense under Federal law. The Legislative Committee of SLO County Farm Bureau, recognizes that California has legalized growing and consumption of medical marijuana, with the upcoming ballot initiatives and that recreational issue may be legalized, as well. Farm Bureau believes that State and local governments must address the complex impacts of these actions. We support your continued examination of addressing the many and varied concerns such as:

Water contamination

Water consumption

Security

Pesticide use

Law enforcement

Traffic

Odor

Following the required participation in the water regulatory programs.

The Legislative Committee met July 19, 2016 and recommends setbacks from property lines for schools, youth facilities, public parks and playgrounds, recreation areas and churches. We also recommend setbacks from neighboring residences as well as from agriculturally zoned land.

We support efforts of law enforcement and code enforcement in monitoring cultivation and any subsequent impacts.

Farm Bureau looks forward to working with County Staff in developing the cannabis ordinances.

Respectfully Submitted

for President Dan Sutton

Dan Sutton, President San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau